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46TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

2021 Standing Rules for Endorsements – Proposals & Recommendations

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0. Glossary	Add definitions of words with multiple meanings and other potentially misunderstood language. The Glossary is still under construction.
1. Meeting Scheduling and Conduct	
a. Meetings to allow the 46th District Democrats to express support for or against candidates and ballot measures shall be called according to the terms of the Bylaws.	<i>No change</i>
b. Endorsement Meetings shall be conducted according to these Standing Rules, which must be posted for the membership at least 10 days prior to an Endorsement meeting and reviewed at the meeting prior to any action taken to endorse.	<p><i>1.b.</i> Endorsement Meetings shall be conducted according to these Standing Rules, which must be posted for the membership at least 10 days prior to an Endorsement meeting and reviewed at the meeting prior to any action taken to endorse.</p> <p style="color: red;">Endorsement meetings are governed by the Bylaws of the 46th District Democrats, and conducted according to the edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, incorporated by rule into the Bylaws.</p>
c. At least one Endorsement Meeting shall be held before each of the Primary and the General elections.	<i>No change</i>
d. Ballot measures on the November ballot will be eligible for endorsement at the August District General Meeting.	<i>No change</i>
NEW Section 1.e	<p style="color: red;">(New) Section 1.e. Motions to consider Ballot Measures not appearing on the November general election ballot will be in order at any other general membership meeting if such is announced in the 10-day meeting notice.</p> <p style="color: red;">If a district member wishes to bring a potential ballot measure to the attention of the chair for placement on the agenda, they must contact the Chair at chair@46dems.org at least 14 days before the meeting.</p>

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2. Eligibility to Vote	
a. All members in good standing who will be 18 years of age or older on or before November General Election Day (for 2020, November 3, 2020) are eligible to vote in Endorsement Meetings.	<i>No change</i>
b. Persons who were members in good standing of the 46th District Democrats in the previous year may renew their membership up to the time of the Endorsement Meeting. Other members must have become members at least 21 days prior to the Endorsement Meeting.	<i>No change</i>
c. Voting by proxy is not allowed. * <i>* For further guidance on this rule, please refer to the 46th District By-Laws</i>	<i>No change</i>
d. ADA accommodations are provided upon request, per the bylaws of the 46 th District.	<i>No change</i>

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3. Eligibility for Endorsement	
3.a. To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate for partisan office must file as a Democrat and declare affiliation only with the Democratic Party for a period of at least one year prior to the Endorsement Meeting. For non-partisan races other than judicial races, a candidate must publicly identify as a Democrat.	<i>No change</i>
3.b. The 46 th District Democrats do not have an endorsement committee. Instead, all members are responsible for informing themselves of the candidates' qualifications.	<i>No change</i>
3.c. To be eligible for consideration for endorsement, with the exception of previously endorsed Federal office candidates and candidates for judicial office, candidates must declare their Party affiliation(s) for the past 5 years on the appropriate candidate questionnaire.	3. c. To be eligible for consideration for endorsement, with the exception of previously endorsed Federal office candidates and candidates for judicial office, candidates must declare their Party affiliation(s) for the past 5 years on the appropriate candidate questionnaire. candidates must document their partisan participation over the last five years, and if the candidate has been a member of any other party, concluding as a Democrat (and in the latter case with explanation), either using the appropriate candidate questionnaire, or with prima facie evidence thereof, such as serving as a current partisan officeholder as a Democrat.
3. d. All candidates, with the exception of previously endorsed Federal candidates, must sign and submit the appropriate designated candidate questionnaire for their office and any 46th District Democrats questionnaire addendum. The Chair of the 46th District Democrats must receive the completed questionnaire sent to <i>chair@46dems.org</i> no later than 10 calendar days prior to the Endorsement Meeting at which the candidate wishes to be considered for endorsement. The chair may clearly designate an alternate email address for submissions which will simultaneously send the questionnaire to the chair and post it to the membership website for consideration. All questionnaires submitted by candidates requesting endorsement will be publicly posted online for the consideration of the members of the 46th District Democrats.	<i>No change</i>

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<p>3.e. A motion to suspend the deadline for receipt of a candidate’s questionnaire by the District Chair may be made at the Endorsement Meeting and requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and eligible to vote. No candidate, with the exception of previously endorsed Federal candidates, may be considered without a questionnaire having been submitted.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>3.f. The District Chair or their appointed representative(s) will make best efforts to contact all known eligible candidates for office, as well as both proponents and opponents of ballot measures, to participate in the Endorsement Meeting(s) and any candidate and issues forums. However, it is the responsibility of any candidate or ballot committee wishing to participate in the endorsement process to contact the District in a timely fashion. The 46dems.org website shall prominently provide an explanation of the District’s endorsement process, provide access to all designated questionnaire forms, and display the date, time, and location of each forum and each Endorsement Meeting.</p>	<p>3. f. The District Chair or their appointed representative(s) will make best efforts to contact all known eligible candidates for office, as well as both proponents and opponents of ballot measures, to participate in the Endorsement Meeting(s) and any candidate and issues forums. However, it is the responsibility of any candidate or ballot committee wishing to participate in the endorsement process to contact the District in a timely fashion. The 46dems.org website shall prominently provide an explanation of the District’s endorsement process, provide access to all designated questionnaire forms, and display the date, time, and location of each forum and each Endorsement Meeting.</p>

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4. Voting Procedures for Candidate Races	
4.a. A minimum of 60% of the eligible voters present and voting, excluding abstentions and excluding ballots ruled invalid, is required for adoption of an endorsement position.	<i>No change</i>
4.b. Action is taken as a vote of Endorsement or Rejection for candidates or positions on ballot measures. Rejection may include adoption of a position specifically opposed to a candidate or ballot issue. No Action is a default position available on all ballots.	<i>No change</i>
4.c. All voting will be by written ballots issued to eligible voters in all races with two or more eligible candidates. Other votes may be by show of hands, unless a member requests written ballots. This rule is to protect the privacy of those individuals whose employment prevents them from a public display of specific candidate support, and may not be ignored for expediency.	4.c. All voting will be by written ballots (which means anonymous paper written ballots OR electronic ballots with a means of retention without linkage to each voter) issued to eligible voters in all races with two or more eligible candidates. Other procedural votes may be by show of hands, unless a member requests written ballots, which will be anonymized in reports . This rule is to protect the privacy of those individuals whose public office or employment prevents them from a public display of specific candidate support, and may not be ignored for expediency.
4. d. Counting of votes shall be completed according to accepted best practices and in accordance with any adopted Tally Rules in a manner that allows observation by any member who wishes to do so.	4.d. Counting of votes shall be completed according to accepted best practices and in accordance with any adopted Tally Rules in a manner that allows observation by any member who wishes to do so. An audit report, which can be electronically inspected, is an acceptable substitute for physical observers, when emergency conditions require online virtual meetings.
4. e. After voting is completed, witnesses shall observe ballots being sealed in an envelope, the seals signed by at least two members of the Tally committee, and handed to the District Chair or a member of the 46th District Democrats in good standing, as designated by the Chair, for retention for at least 90 days. When voting is conducted at meetings held by electronic or other remote access means, the District shall use its best efforts to replicate this ballot retention process within the meeting format to retain a paper copy of the ballots for retention for at least 90 days.	4. e. After voting is completed, witnesses shall observe ballots being sealed in an envelope, the seals signed by at least two members of the Tally committee, and handed to the District Chair or a member of the 46th District Democrats in good standing, as designated by the Chair, for retention for at least 90 days. When voting is conducted at meetings held by electronic or other remote access means, the District shall use its best efforts to replicate this ballot retention process within the meeting format to retain a paper copy of the ballots for retention for at least 90 days. In the event of emergency electronic balloting the audit report referenced in 4.d shall serve as the ballots to comply with the 90-day retention requirement.

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4. f. A motion to divide the question, meaning to flag for individual consideration those candidates in races with opposition to be voted on separately, will be in order. The motion to divide the question requires a second; it requires a simple majority to pass. If that passes, then a motion will be entertained to endorse as a group all eligible candidates who are unopposed by any other candidates eligible for endorsement in a race.	<p>4. f. A motion to divide the question, meaning to flag for individual consideration those candidates in races with opposition to be voted on separately, will be in order. The motion to divide the question requires a second; it requires a simple majority to pass. If that passes, then a motion will be entertained to endorse as a group all eligible candidates who are unopposed by any other candidates eligible for endorsement in a race.</p> <p>The meeting Chair may propose a single consolidated list to expedite the endorsement of candidates in all or most races with only one endorsement-eligible candidate seeking the endorsement of the District. The candidates so situated shall be identified and the meeting Chair shall provide an opportunity for any member to flag for individual consideration a candidate or candidates they wish to vote on separately. All flagged candidates shall be removed from the list. Once this method has established the consolidated list, then a motion will be entertained to endorse candidates on the consolidated list as a group.</p>

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5. Suspension of Endorsement Rules	
Any request to suspend these rules for a particular race or ballot issue must be made prior to consideration of that race or ballot issue; such a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by voting members present for such suspension. The requirement specified in Rule 4(a) of a 60% vote for an endorsement or recommendation cannot be suspended, and any motion to close nominations is prohibited. By-laws may not be suspended.	Any request to suspend these rules for a particular race or ballot issue must be made prior to consideration of that race or ballot issue; under Roberts Rules of Order , such a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by voting members present for such suspension. The requirement specified in Rule 4(a) of a 60% vote for an endorsement or recommendation cannot be suspended, and any motion to close nominations is prohibited. By-laws may not be suspended.

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6. Endorsement Consideration Procedures	
a. Consideration of Candidates	
6.a.1. Each eligible candidate, or their designees, may be given up to 2 minutes to speak at the time they are nominated. If the chair, in their sole determination, feels that in the interest of limited time this amount of time must be reduced, the chair may do so, provided that all nominees in a single race are given the same amount of time. The chair may consult with others to make this determination, however, this decision of the chair is final and is not subject to appeal.	6.a.1. Each eligible candidate, or their one non-member designees, may be given up to 2 minutes to speak or use as they wish at the time they are nominated. Other than the candidate or one designee, only members of the 46th District may speak in the candidate’s presentation. If the district chair, in their sole determination, feels that in the interest of limited time this amount of time must be reduced, the chair may do so, provided that all nominees in a single race are given the same amount of time. The chair may consult with others to make this determination, however, this decision of the chair is final and is not subject to appeal.
6.a.2. The Chair or their designee, at their sole discretion, will set the agenda for the order in which races will be considered for endorsement. Only eligible voters may make motions to endorse/nominate candidates eligible for endorsement. A motion to close nominations shall be out of order.	<i>No change</i>
3. Each nominated candidate is allowed a single nomination presentation, which may include the candidate themselves or their designees, who must be voting-eligible members of the 46 th District Democrats. For each nominated candidate motion to endorse, a single nomination presentation by voting-eligible members of the 46 th District Democrats and/or the candidate themselves of no more than 2 minutes may be allowed. The Chair may recognize a candidate or member for up to an additional 30 seconds to rebut a specific negative statement or ad hominem attack directed against a named candidate. Speakers shall identify themselves prior to making nomination speeches on behalf of any candidate. Eligible voters may NOT cede their time to anyone ineligible to vote at the meeting.	<i>No change</i>
4. All eligible candidates who are nominated and “No Action” will be an option on every ballot. Reject will only be on the ballot if nominated and seconded.	4. All eligible candidates who are nominated and who have not already been eliminated in a previous round and “No Action” will be an option on every ballot. Reject will only be on the ballot if nominated and seconded.

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6 b. Consideration of Ballot Measures	
6.b.1. Ballot Measures include all initiatives, referenda, levies, bonds, advisory votes, and other races without candidates. The question to endorse a Ballot Measure shall be considered in the form it will appear on the ballot. Motions for a specific endorsement to support or oppose a Ballot Measure are not in order, as the District’s position—“Endorse” or approve, “Reject”, or oppose, or “No Action” or take no position will be determined by the voting. Motions to endorse a “Yes” vote or a “No” vote are in order. The default option to take “No Action” is available on all ballots.	6.b.1. Ballot Measures include all initiatives, referenda, levies, bonds, advisory votes, and other races without candidates. The question to endorse a Ballot Measure shall be considered in the form it will appear on the ballot. Motions for a specific endorsement to support or oppose a Ballot Measure are not in order, as the District’s position—“Endorse” or approve, “Reject”, or oppose, or “No Action” or take no position will be determined by the voting. Motions to consider a “Yes” vote or a “No vote” are in order. The default option to take “No Action” is available on all ballots. If no position is taken, then the ballot measure remains eligible for endorsement consideration at a future date.
2. For each motion to consider a Ballot Measure, a presentation of a speech or speeches totaling of not more than 2 minutes will be allowed for each of the three possible positions (Endorse, Reject, No Action). Only members who are eligible to vote may make motions to endorse/recommend. Voting members and representatives of the campaign(s) may speak on behalf of an endorsement /recommendation. Members will hear all speeches for that Ballot Issue Measure before the vote. the Ballot Measure campaign(s) may or speak on behalf of an endorsement/recommendation. Members will hear all speeches for that Ballot Issue Measure before the vote.	2. For each motion to consider a Ballot Measure, a presentation of a speech or speeches totaling of not more than 2 minutes will be allowed for each of the three possible positions (Endorse, Reject, No Action). Only members who are eligible to vote may make motions to endorse/recommend. and One non-member representative of a ballot measure campaign(s) and 46th District voting members may or speak on behalf of an endorsement/recommendation of a ballot measure. Members will hear all speeches regarding the ballot measure that Ballot Issue Measure before the vote.
3. Motions to endorse ballot measures shall be in order at all meetings, provided notice that such shall be considered were included in the 10-day meeting notice sent to all members in the manner specified in the By-Laws.	<i>No change</i>
4. Motions to recommend signature-gathering campaigns for state, county or municipal initiatives shall be in order at any regular district meeting, and are not considered endorsements <i>per se</i> , but do, once passed, allow for the solicitation of assistance for the signature gathering campaign at district meetings and events. Such recommendation does not imply endorsement of the final measure once placed on the ballot, as a formal endorsement of the ballot measure must be earned through the process detailed herein. Recommendations for a signature-gathering campaign require a 60% affirmative vote to pass.	<i>No change</i>

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7. Voting in Candidate Races	
New section	7.a. Candidates for endorsement will be selected by written ballot as defined in these rules. At any point in the balloting, if a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then the motion passes.
a. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or position, or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we will move to a second ballot. In races with two eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the third ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving at least 8% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot. Should only one or two candidates or none of these candidates have more than 8% of the votes cast then the top six will move on to the second ballot.	<p>Strike ALL in previous Section 7.a., and replace with new section 7.b.1:</p> <p>a. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or position, or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we will move to a second ballot. In races with two eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the third ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving at least 8% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot. Should only one or two candidates or none of these candidates have more than 8% of the votes cast then the top six will move on to the second ballot.</p> <p>7.b.1 First Ballot in Field Larger than Six: If there are seven or more candidates in field, then use a Ranked Choice Voting method to narrow the field to six candidates. Members are requested to rank all candidates but are not required to do so.</p> <p>If fewer than-seven endorsement-eligible candidates are in any candidate field, use single choice ballot to narrow the field. A single choice ballot is required for any final choice in an endorsement.</p>

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<p>New Section:</p> <p>Language modelled after 2020 first ballot step in a winnowing process, reproduced below:</p> <p><i>7.a. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or position, or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we will move to a second ballot. In races with two eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the third ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving at least 8% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot. Should only one or two candidates or none of these candidates have more than 8% of the votes cast then the top six will move on to the second ballot.</i></p>	<p>(NEW) 7.b.2. First Ballot in field of Six or Fewer: If there are six or fewer candidates in field, each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast on the first ballot, then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we the process will move to a second ballot.</p> <p>In races with two or three eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the third ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving at least 8% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot.</p> <p>Should only one or two candidate(s) or none of these candidates have more than 8% of the votes cast then the top six will move on to the second ballot. If the field of candidates begins with four candidates or fewer, balloting proceeds directly to the “Third Ballot” procedure.</p>
<p>b. Second Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If no candidate or option, including “Take No Action”, receives 60% of votes cast, the top four choices will move to a Third Ballot.</p>	<p>b. c. Second Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If no candidate or option, including “Take No Action”, receives 60% of votes cast, the top four choices will move to a Third Ballot.</p>
<p>c. Third Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes.</p>	<p>c. d. Third Ballot: choose between the four candidates who advance and “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then the motion passes.</p>
<p>d. If no candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast on the third ballot, then a motion for dual endorsement is in order. This motion must pass by 60%; if not, an endorsement in the race is not made. A show of hands may be called for the dual endorsement ballot. No motion for a dual endorsement is in order until after the third ballot.</p>	<p>Strike ALL and replace:</p> <p>d. If no candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast on the third ballot, then a motion for dual endorsement is in order. This motion must pass by 60%; if not, an endorsement in the race is not made. A show of hands may be called for the dual endorsement ballot. No motion for a dual endorsement is in order until after the third ballot.</p> <p>7.e. If none of the choices receives 60% of the vote, and if the top two candidates each have at least 40% support in the Third Ballot, then a motion for dual endorsement is allowed. The motion for a dual endorsement must pass by 60% vote.</p> <p>If those conditions not met, then no endorsement is made at that meeting.</p>

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7.e. No more than two candidates may be endorsed for any one office.	7.-e f. If no motion for dual endorsement is made, or if the dual motion fails, then no endorsement is made in the race for that portion of the election cycle. If no endorsement is made for the primary contest, an endorsement may be made for the general election.
New section	7. g. Prior to a vote on a dual endorsement, the candidates so nominated, or their designee, shall be allowed 30 seconds to speak for or against the dual endorsement.
New section	7. h. No more than two candidates may be endorsed for any one office at any one point in time. This does not preclude considering a second round of endorsements for the general election if all endorsed candidates in the primary are eliminated.

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<i>Below is the proposed alternative winnowing process for Section 7, should a RCV process be technologically impracticable, or taking so much time as to disenfranchise voters by extending the length of the meeting beyond a reasonable hour.</i>	
7. (Alternate Process) Voting in Candidate Races (Alternate First Ballot winnowing procedure for large fields)	
New section	(NEW SECTION) 7.a. Candidates for endorsement will be selected by written ballot as defined in these rules. Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or “No Action”. If, at any point in the balloting, a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then the motion passes.
a. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or position, or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we will move to a second ballot. In races with two eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the third ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving at least 8% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot. Should only one or two candidates or none of these candidates have more than 8% of the votes cast then the top six will move on to the second ballot.	7 Alternate a b. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or position , or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast on the first ballot , then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we the process will move to a second ballot. In races with two or three eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the third ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving at least 8% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot. Should only one or two candidate(s) or none of these candidates have more than 8% of the votes cast then the top six will move on to the second ballot.
b. Second Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If no candidate or option, including “Take No Action”, receives 60% of votes cast, the top four choices will move to a Third Ballot.	7 Alternate. b c.. Second Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If no candidate or option, including “Take No Action”, receives 60% of votes cast, the top four choices, plus “Take no Action” will move to a Third Ballot.
c. Third Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes.	7.Alt.c - No change – return to regular process.
	<i>At this point, return to regular steps above for following sub sections 7.c., etc.</i>

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8. Voting on Ballot Measures	
a. New Section for Clarity (Ballot Measures and Candidate Races separated out)	8.a. Ballot measure positions for endorsement will be selected by written ballot. Each eligible voter will vote for one position or “No Action”. If a candidate or “No Action” receives 60% of the votes cast, then the motion passes.

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8.9. Tie Votes	
9. a. If any vote for an endorsement or recommendation results in a tie, and the tie affects which ballot choice moves on to the next step or receives the endorsement/recommendation, a Tiebreaker Vote will be held. Eligible voters will revote only on the tied items with the subsequent winner advancing to the next step.	<i>No change</i>
b. If the Tiebreaker Vote results in another tie, the Chair or their designee will conduct a coin flip or lot drawing, as done in public elections in Washington in accordance with state law, to determine the outcome.	<i>No change</i>

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9 10. Reconsideration of Rescinding an Endorsement	
a. Endorsements shall only be reconsidered in the following circumstances: death or long-term incapacitation of the endorsed candidate; withdrawal of candidacy of the endorsed candidate; conscious and deliberate failure by the candidate to file for office on the applicable ballot; disqualification from the ballot of the endorsed candidate; if the endorsed candidate switches Parties, or by declared choice of caucus even while claiming Democratic membership, would cause the Democratic Party to lose a majority or committee chairperson position in any legislative or governing body; or by the circumstances detailed in 9.c.	10. a. Endorsements shall only be reconsidered rescinded in the following circumstances: death or long-term incapacitation of the endorsed candidate; withdrawal of candidacy of the endorsed candidate; conscious and deliberate failure by the candidate to file for office on the applicable ballot; disqualification from the ballot of the endorsed candidate; if the endorsed candidate switches Parties, or by declared choice of caucus even while claiming Democratic membership, would cause the Democratic Party to lose a majority or committee chairperson position in any legislative or governing body; or by the circumstances detailed in 10.c.
b. Due to the fact that endorsements are not reconsiderable, outside of very specific circumstances, if only one candidate sharing a dual endorsement in the primary survives said primary, then the dual endorsement converts to an endorsement for the general election by rule. If no endorsed candidate(s) survive(s) a primary, then the void in endorsements for that race re-opens the field for consideration of an endorsement for the general election.	b. Due to the fact that endorsements are not rescinded or reconsiderable, outside of very specific circumstances, if only one candidate sharing a dual endorsement in the primary survives said primary, then the dual endorsement converts to an endorsement for the general election by rule. If no endorsed candidate(s) survive(s) a primary, then the void in endorsements for that race re-opens the field for consideration of an endorsement for the general election.
c. Reconsideration of an endorsement of an endorsed candidate who is accused of extreme wrongdoing:	9. c. Reconsideration of Rescinding an endorsement of an endorsed candidate: who is accused of extreme wrongdoing:
New sub-section	i. A rescission of an endorsement is in order for a candidate who is accused of serious wrongdoing or misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance that merits rescinding the endorsement.
New sub-section	ii. . Upon the written request of 40% of the Executive Board or 10% of the duly elected and appointed PCOs, the Executive Board shall hold a meeting within 5 business days to consider if the serious wrongdoing or malfeasance merits rescinding the endorsement.

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New sub-section	iii. If two-thirds of the Executive Board present at the meeting approve, excluding any Board members who must recuse themselves due to a conflict of interest, then a membership meeting must be held within 15 business days to vote on rescinding the endorsement.
i. Reconsideration of an endorsement decision in these circumstances requires 10-day written notice to the body and all candidates eligible for endorsement for the affected office. The written notice must specify when the reconsideration process will occur.	‡ iii. Reconsideration Recission of an endorsement decision in these circumstances requires 10-day written notice to the body and all candidates eligible for endorsement for the affected office. The written notice must specify when the reconsideration process will occur.
ii. A 75% vote of the members is required to reconsider the endorsement and reopen the endorsement decision. If the membership votes in the affirmative to reconsider and reopen the endorsement, then the endorsement process is carried through from the beginning, following the rules described herein, as if there had not been an endorsement in the race previously.	‡ iv. iv. A 75% vote of the members is required to reconsider rescind the endorsement and reopen the endorsement decision. If the membership votes in the affirmative to reconsider rescind and reopen the endorsement, then the endorsement process is carried through from the beginning, following the rules described herein, as if there had not been an endorsement in the race previously.
iii. It is not permissible for the reconsideration vote and potential new endorsement process to occur at the same general or special meeting of the membership. Any new endorsement will occur with appropriate notice at a subsequent meeting and under the requirements of these rules.	iii. v. v. It is not permissible for the reconsideration recission vote and potential new endorsement process to occur at the same general or special meeting of the membership. Any new endorsement will occur with appropriate notice at a subsequent meeting and under the requirements of these rules.

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<p>11. Special Endorsement Meetings for Jurisdictions Within the District</p>	
<p>a. In the odd-numbered years, when the municipal and special purpose district offices are on the ballot, at times it will be more just and fair for a portion of the municipal and special-purpose jurisdictions within the district to have a special endorsement meeting called to serve those jurisdictions. Such meeting shall be held in geographic proximity to the jurisdictions for which the meeting is called, to the extent possible. The Chair must consult with other officers and members, but such meeting, if any, shall be called at the Chair’s sole discretion.</p> <p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>b. All 46th district members in good standing shall be eligible to vote, but the initial determination that a quorum has been met shall be measured using just the count of members of the municipal or special purpose jurisdictions being served by the meeting.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>Example: Thus, if the meeting was called to consider endorsements for offices in the City of Kenmore, and Kenmore was the home of 45 members in good standing, then the 10% quorum required at the beginning of the meeting would be $45 \times 10\% = 4.5$ (must round up), or 5 members from Kenmore must be present to start the meeting.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>

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